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Romulus council sets new water rates

Scott Spielman
Special Writer

Members of the Romulus City Council set water and sewer rates for the coming year Monday night, but the impact on homeowners will vary, depending on the type of meters they have and the amount water they use.

The rates are a bit of a mixed bag for residents and businesses. Although the overall usage rate declined slightly, the fixed rates from the Great Lakes Water Authority increased.

> *"The fixed amount is the amount we are forced to pay by the Great Lakes Water Authority.*

"There is no mark-up on the fixed costs," said Abbie Akins, assistant director of Financial Services for the city. "It's a 100 percent pass through."

The overall water consumption rate declined from $3.066 per unit to $2.737 per unit. Residents with a 1-inch water meter will see their monthly fixed rate increase from $17.32 to $20.69 per month. Residents with a 1.5-inch meter will see their monthly fixed rate cost increase from $39.49 per month to $47.18 per month. Sewer rates will remain the same as last year.

"The fixed amount is the amount we are forced to pay by the Great Lakes Water Authority," Akins said. "That's exactly what they charge us. We have to pay that amount, no matter how much water we use."

The new rates will go into effect on July 5. Residents will be billed bi-monthly, too, instead of every three months as in past years. That was initiated to help residents budget their water bills better, and find any leaks more quickly, before they can cause a spike in their bills.

Councilwoman Virginia Williams offered a motion to reject the proposed rates, but it died for lack of support. Williams said she didn't want to inflict further hardship on resi-

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Welcome to America

Aspiring Haitian chef interns at local Plymouth restaurant

One young visitor to America has never seen anything quite like the celebrations of Independence Day that continue across the country this week.

But then, at 18, Kervens Pierre saw his first a movie only two months ago at about the same time he first visited a MacDonald's.

Up to now, Kervens' life in a Haitian orphanage included very few of the everyday experiences and freedoms Americans enjoy until his current trip to the U.S. on a work/study visit. He and his older brother, Emmanuel, have been residents of the Have Faith Haiti mission since he was 4 and Emmanuel, 7.

Emmanuel is taking classes at Madonna University while Kervens is learning more about his life goal of becoming a chef working in the kitchen at E. G. Nick's in Plymouth under the watchful eye of Chef Frank Agostini.

Kervens has been cooking for more than half his 18 years. At the age of 9, difficult times at the orphanage thrust him into the mission kitchen where he became the primary cook for the 70 or so children and the few adults who shared the home.

"I would make breakfast, lunch and dinner for everyone, he said. 'Just me, we had no help."

It was hard work, he said, but even at 9, he knew this was what he loved to do.

His mother, a restaurant cook prior to her death, prompted Keven's interest in everything culinary which never faltered even in the disaster of the 2010 earthquake which killed an estimated 230,000 people in Haiti. The nearly complete devastation of the country left the orphanage facing closure, which would have added the mission children to the thousands of homeless earthquake victims fighting to survive on the streets.

Award-winning Free Press columnist and best-selling author Mitch Albom traveled to Haiti to attempt to help victims and his A Hole In The Roof Foundation assumed operations at the mission. The foundation and Albom have continued to support and educate the mission children and Albom was instrumental in bringing Kervens and his brother here to work and study.

Following a mountain of red tape and bureaucratic requirements, the boys were granted brief work study visas to visit here, under some strict conditions.

"His hours here cannot take any hours from an American worker, that's one of the specifications," Agostini, a friend of Albom's for 30 years, said. "Everything he does here is in addition to our regular staffing,"

Agostini said he was surprised at Kervens' culinary ability and talent.

Haitian culinary student Kervens Pierre, left, is learning the fine points of food preparation from chef Frank Agostini during a work/study internship. Photo by Dave Willett

"He has caught on really quickly and the staff here has really helped. They just took him into the family. I think that may be part of why he has done so well here. The whole staff just embraced him.

"He had many of the basics, which we are now refining and teaching him how restau-

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New Westland chamber president/CEO is named

Gretchen Heinicke

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The new president/CEO of the Westland Chamber of Commerce is already very familiar with the community. Gretchen Heinicke, 31, who began her new job June 3, was raised in Westland and is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

"I love it," said Heinicke, "It's definitely a challenge. I'm excited for the future. Getting more involved with the city, and being able to give back."

She's a 2006 John Glenn graduate who holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Western Michigan University. Her degree in sales and business marketing is an asset, as is her most recent position at Madonna University in Livonia as an admissions officer.

"Learning everything," she said from the Westland Chamber office on Ford Road east of Newburgh Road. "It's different (from her previous job) but I can use the same skills. I can take some of those skills and apply them to this position."

She and Mary Vellardita, Westland Chamber of Commerce membership and marketing staffer, comprise the staff, and both work full time.

"Probably just the biggest challenge now is learning about the chamber, the events that happen. Just learning everything. I'm excited," Heinicke said.

She's meeting people from businesses and local organizations, and working with them. Heinicke succeeds former director Brookellen Swope, now working for a local chiropractor.

Heinicke, a Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins fan, is proud of her Westland roots, with both parents still living in the city. The Chamber Farmers & Artisans Market's is now in full swing Thursdays, and Heinicke attends each week.

"I love Westland's business community," she said, noting the number of retail, restaurants "and so much more."

Belleville - Northville

Northville schools names new athletic director

Brian Samulski has been named as the new Northville Public Schools Athletic Director. Members of the board of education unanimously approved Samulski's appointment at the June 25 meeting. Samulski will succeed Bryan Masi who announced earlier this year that he will be retiring in November.

The Athletic Director is a leadership role that coordinates the Northville Public Schools 6th through 12th grade athletic programs. Samulski will carry out all leadership functions of the athletic program. He will supervise and direct all coaching staff and ensure that MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) rules are followed by all athletic teams. Additionally, he will schedule all middle school and high school athletic events and be responsible for the athletic program budget in consultation with the district business office.

Samulski was formerly the assistant principal for activities and athletics at Salem High School in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools District. Prior to his 5-year tenure as assistant principal, Samulski was an educator for multiple grade levels and subjects at Wayne-Westland schools where he was employed for 13 years. Samulski served as head varsity girls basketball coach for Canton High School for 13 years in addition to his classroom experience teaching subjects including physical education and English language arts.

Samulski will begin his new position as athletic director in late October for a brief transition period prior to Masi's retirement. Masi is retiring from Northville Public Schools after 28 years of service as an award-winning athletic director, physical education and health teacher, and a coach to multiple teams. Masi has been the athletic director since 2003. In 2009, he received a certificate from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Associations, a voluntary national certification process for athletic directors.

"Our athletic and extracurricular programs are an integral part of Northville's long-standing tradition of excellence in our classrooms, on our fields of play, and beyond the playing field. Brian Samulski's student-focused philosophy, leadership and experience make him a great choice for the role," said Superintendent of Northville Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "We welcome Mr. Samulski to our Northville team, and know that he shares a commitment to leadership, service and excellence that is a large part of Bryan Masi's legacy."

"Northville Public Schools is student-centered, has great facilities, and is fully supported by its community," said Samulksi. "I look forward to establishing relationships with the student athletes, coaches, and staff while continuing to build on the great department that Bryan Masi has led for so many successful years."

Samulksi has a bachelors degree in education majoring in health, physical education and recreation and a minor in history from Olivet College. He has a masters degree in sports administration and an administrative certificate also from Wayne State University. He has also served on several professional committees such as the MHSSA Scholar-Athlete Committee and a Positive Behavioral Supports Committee.

Brian Samulski

Van Buren school board considers ballot bond question

Voters will see no tax increase with the approval of a $35,490,000 bond issue proposed by the Van Buren Public Schools for the November ballot.

Members of the board of education approved a 95-page Preliminary Qualification Application for Bond Recommendation at their regular meeting last month. The application will now be submitted to the state treasury department which will approve or deny the request within 30 days.

If the state approves the application, the issue is expected to come to the board members again at the July 29 meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Pete Kudlak told the board members that tax levels would remain at the same rate if the bond issue is approved due to the successful refinancing of the bonds used to fund the $79 million construction of the high school.

> *"After we officially put it on the ballot, we will set more information sessions.*

The new bond would be levied beginning in 2020 at .78 mill and continue for 30 years. Taxpayers would be paying 78 cents per every $1,000 of taxable value toward the new bond, if approved. The funds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, salaries or operating expenses, by state law.

That bond funding will be used for major renovations to Tyler and Savage elementary schools, which are each 40 years old, and to Owen and McBride schools, Kudlak told the board.

"After we officially put it on the ballot, we will set more information sessions," Kudlak said. "We don't want to do this until after treasury approves."

Annual Northville 'Grub Crawl' tickets now on sale

Tickets are on sale now for the 15th Annual Northville Grub Crawl.

Participants can indulge in the unique collection of restaurants in Northville while sampling signature specialties. Participating restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for "Crawlers". Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own.

2019 Participating Restaurants include: Brann's Steakhouse & Grille; Edwards Cafe and Caterer; North Center Brewing Co.: Twin Peaks Restaurants; 160 Main; Le George; Mission BBQ; Northville Sports Den; Beyond Juice, Northville; Northville Winery and Brewing Co. with Genitti's Hole In The Wall catering

Crawlers must be 21 or older. Tickets are $25 per person and available now online at www.northville.org/grub-crawl, at Good Time Party Store, 567 West Seven Mile Road, Northville or the Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 South Main St., Northville.

Tickets have sold out in past years, organizers said, so early purchase is advised.

The Northville Grub Crawl is sponsored by: Millennium Limousines Inc, with assistance from Good Time Party Store.

For more information, visit the Northville Chamber of Commerce website www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

Fast fire response saves home

Fast response and teamwork by firefighters is credited with saving a Northville Township home last week after a homeowner called 9-1-1 reporting the smell of smoke.

Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegal said crews arrived at the home in the 18000 block of Shadbrook within 5 minutes with seven firefighters, a command unit, fire engine, ladder truck and ambulance to find smoke coming from the electrical outlets. The call came in at 7:59 p.m. last Thursday.

After mutual aid was requested from Northville City, Plymouth Township, Livonia and Novi there were 24 firefighters on scene.

According to Siegal, the fire was determined to have been caused by an electrical problem located in the kitchen wall. He said it was extinguished within an hour. Crews remained on scene to ensure the fire had not spread to concealed spaces or other rooms. Siegal reported that the fire damage was minimal while there was damage to the home from smoke.

Area streets were closed for 2 hours. The homeowners were able to safely exit and there were no reported injuries, according to official reports.

The quick response of Northville Township firefighters is credited with saving a home on Shadbrook last week. Photos by Matt Zmuda

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ROMULUS - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Fights, arrests mar Romulus fireworks display

Tempers also ignited during the Romulus Community Fireworks display last Thursday night, near Wick and Wayne roads in the city.

Twelve people, nine juveniles and three adults, were taken into custody at the event by Romulus police after a large group of juveniles began arguing which escalated into several fistfights.

Police said several of the juveniles were accused of lighting fireworks in the crowds of people gathered behind Romulus Middle School and Wick Elementary School. That may have prompted the physical altercations among young people in the audience.

Police said no weapons were found or used in the incident and there were no reported injuries. Police said pepper spray was used on one individual involved in a fight who began resisting and assaulting officers.

"This kind of behavior will not be allowed, nor tolerated at City of Romulus events. The Romulus Police Department is dedicated to providing safe family oriented events for the citizens, families and friends of the City of Romulus to enjoy," read a prepared statement regarding the incident.

Earning for learning

The Westland Community Foundation awarded $15,000 in scholarships to 15 students during ceremonies at the Inspire Theatre last month. Foundation President Glenn Shaw and Mayor William R. Wild were on hand to congratulate the winners. Seven students each received a $1,000 scholarship to Schoolcraft College which will match those funds. Students will be required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average in the first semester to receive the matching funds. Shaw sent special thanks to John Glenn Principal Dr. Jennifer LaDuke, Karen Truesdell, Deanna Beck, Sharon Scott, Diane Fritz and Sande Godbout. He also thanked Len Fisher for the use of the theater. Winners this year included Jakyla M. Anderson; Alexander F. Attieh; Dezmond M. Blair; Alec N. Carey; Giuseppe S. Cracchiolo; Shirley J. Davis; John P. DeShano; Trevor E. Greene; Jalen G. Horton; Noah E. Munson; Katie M. Strong; Emily J. Tomkins and Antoine L. Williams.

Shooter pleads guilty in death at Wayne Hype center

The teen who shot and killed a man outside the HYPE Athletics complex in Wayne last November has pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree murder and a felony weapons violation.

Antoine Perry, 17, is scheduled for a sentencing hearing on the charges July 10.

The charges stem from what police and prosecutors allege was a drug-buy gone wrong when Perry attempted to take a quantity of marijuana from 19-year-old Devin Woods outside the HYPE center Nov. 26. Woods, from Ypsilanti, was in a vehicle outside the HYPE facility on Howe Road in Wayne when he was shot repeatedly. Prosecutors allege that the shooter was Perry.

A security camera outside the athletic center captured the shooting.

Woods ran into the recreation facility bleeding heavily from his wounds, according to witnesses at the time. He was rushed to Beaumont Hospital Wayne where he was pronounced dead.

Perry was arrested by Wayne police later that week and he was originally charged as an adult and faced single counts of felony murder and armed robbery and two counts of using a gun during a felony.

Capt. David Martinez, at right, with Andrew Barylski, Wayne-Westland Salvation Army corps administrator

New leaders assume role at Local Salvation Army

Envoy Jim Hulett has retired from the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and Capt. David Martinez, and his wife, Shannon, are now overseeing the congregational life.

Andrew Barylski is the new corps administrator at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, having served as director of youth and community ministries previously. Barylski will oversee day to day operations at the Wayne-Westland Corps building on Venoy south of Palmer Road in Westland.

"We're really excited," said Barylski, married to Swati and the father of two young children.

Senior pastors David and Shannon Martinez, parents of five children, have been at the Salvation Army Dearborn Heights Citadel the past few years. They will combine duties including congregational worship Sundays at both Dearborn Heights and Westland.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army originated from the Dearborn Heights Citadel some 30 years ago. The Martinezes were previously with the Salvation Army in Des Plaines, Ill.

"It frees us up on programs and activities," commented David Martinez about the new arrangement.

Rates

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dents who recently saw the approval of school and police and fire millages in the city.

"I just think it's not fair to us, as residents, to come back and increase the water," she said. "I just don't think this is the right time to be increasing it."

The council realized the new rates were a necessity, however.

"I don't want to see our residents have to pay more, but I do understand it's not just the city. We have to have our water," said Councilwoman Eva Webb. "It's sad that we have to increase these things."

Akins said the steps taken by the administration alleviated some pain in the water and sewer bills. Sewer rates paid by Romulus increased, but the city was able to absorb those, for now, and not pass them along to residents.

"The administration has really put forth a lot of effort to cut costs. They were offset by the savings the city made by cutting costs," she said. "If it weren't for the savings we have found in the budget, the sewer rate would've gone up, too. We couldn't absorb all these costs. We were able to offset it by tightening up the budget."

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Inkster

Police crash kills mother, son

Michigan State Police continue to investigate the crash of an Inkster police vehicle and a private automobile that claimed the lives of a mother and 10-year-old child.

According to police reports of the incident indicate that at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28, the Inkster police SUV was traveling westbound on Cherry Hill Road near Inkster Road, responding to an incident report, with emergency lights and sirens activated.

Police reports say that a four-door Buick, driven by a 45-year-old Oweeta Wilkins of Inkster, was traveling eastbound on Cherry Hill Road and made a left turn in front of the police vehicle, resulting in the crash. The driver and her 10-year-old son, Aaron, were pronounced dead at the scene, according to police reports.

The Inkster police officer was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries, according to police reports.

Witnesses said Wilkins was turning into the Happy's Pizza parking lot when the police vehicle struck her broadside. The mother and child were reportedly sent airborne from the force of the impact, witnesses claimed. Some witnesses also disputed the report that the police vehicle sirens were activated, claiming that only the emergency lights were operating.

According to Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw, the investigation of the incident will determine it the lights and sirens were activated at the time of the collision.

Investigators will examine the dash-cam and review the information from the black box installed in the vehicle.

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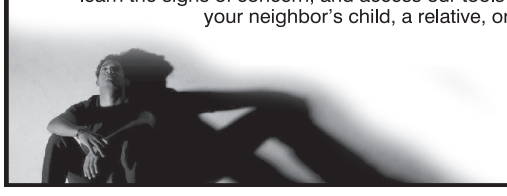

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, June 20, 2019
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk; Fred Shadko, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - **A.** Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved
2. **Appointments**, **Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - **A.** Reappointment – Ethics Board – Charles Nichols – Approved
   - **B.** Reappointment – Ethics Board – Marguerite Aramian – Approved
   - **C.** Public Safety Presentation – Presented
   - **D.** Landfill Working Committee Report – Presented
   - **E.** Advanced Disposal (Mark Johnson) – Landfill Update – Presented
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** Two members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board.
5. **New Business:**
   - **A.** Chick-Fil-A – Consent Judgement Amendment – Approved
   - **B.** Public Services – Nagle Paving Company – Change Order – Approved
   - **C.** BOT Meeting Increased Transparency – Audio Approved
   - **D.** Michigan Townships Association Annual Dues – Approved
   - **E.** Historic District Commission – Gibson House – Approved
   - **F.** Public Services – Temporary Sign – Northville Christian – Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**

A. In the amount of 2,081,073.50 for the period of 5/4/19 to 6/7/19. – Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - **A.** Robert R. Nix II, Marjorie Banner**,** Fred Shadko**,** Scott Frush**,** Symantha Heath**,** Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen**,** Chip Snider
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available on July 2, 2019.
Respectfully submitted:
Robert R. Nix, Supervisor
Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: Tina Talley.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barbara Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.
19-169 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 03, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-170 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council (closed session, Attorney Opinion) held on June 03, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Williams. (Absent) **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner
Shona Silvey-Baum spoke about the Relay for Life – American Cancer Society event that will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. until Friday, August 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. **No action is required by City Council.**
4. Chairperson's Report
19-171 4A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution to recognize Firefighter Eric Beamish on his seven years of employment with the City of Romulus Fire Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
19-172 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a resolution to adopt the final project plan for wastewater system improvements and designating an authorized Wayne County project representative for improvements to the Wayne County Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-173 5B (1). Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution in support of the application with the State of Michigan for the 2019 fireworks event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-174 5B (2). Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the 2019 Romulus fireworks on city property south of Ecorse Road, no-fee permits for two food trailers and one glow product tent on the school property (pending RCS approval), and approval of the closure of Ozga between Tyler and Wick between 9:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. to expedite the flow of traffic when the fireworks are complete. Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked if there will be any road construction on that date. (No.) **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-175 5C. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus High School Class of 1979 for use of St. John's Lodge Park #44 (pavilion) on August 18, 2019 for their 40th class reunion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-176 5D. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and extend the City's Distribution Services agreement with Constellation Energy for 36 months and for the mayor and clerk to execute a Transaction Confirmation for the purchase of the City's natural gas at a fixed rate from Constellation Energy for the term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6. Clerk's Report
19-177 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Williams** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-27, Municipal Library Fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-178 6A2. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee's recommendation to approve the sale of Parcel 80-044-01-0495-000, vacant residential land located on Kempa (between Ecorse and Smith) to Marian Davis in the amount of $2,500.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that the summer tax bills will be out by July 1, 2019.
7. Public Comment
Two Romulus High School students in the FCCLA Leadership Program asked for support in regards to their upcoming trip to California.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
Councilman Wadsworth spoke about the potholes on Superior, Wade and Barth Roads. Councilwoman Abdo commented about the obnoxious smell by the airport; Mayor Burcroff informed that the odor is caused by overflowing water in the ponds due to all the recent rain which is causing vegetation to decay; however, it is not causing any harm to the environment. Wayne County has been contacted about the problem.
10. Communication
19-179 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to pay Warrant 19-11 in the amount of $2,573,821.73. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council meeting at 8:22 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on June 10, 2019.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
Amendment 23
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION
ORDINANCE NO. 1016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN COMMISSION TO ADDRESS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, PROGRAMS, STEWARDSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY, OUTREACH AND SIMILAR ISSUES IN AND FOR THE RESIDENTS AND GUESTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, the Environmental Leadership Commission, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION I: TITLE:

This Ordinance shall be known and may be referred to as the Charter Township of Plymouth Environmental Leadership Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be placed in Chapter II of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Plymouth.

SECTION II: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION.

(a) Purpose.

The Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission (hereafter "commission") exists to enhance understanding and encourage practices that lead to a clean, sustainable, environmentally responsible, and healthy community by:

(1) Educating residents, businesses and guests regarding environmental stewardship and awareness, environmental policies, sustainability, and best practices.

(2) Partnering with individuals, government agencies, businesses, and allied environmental organizations to promote community participation in local environmental protection, awareness, education, and enhancement projects and initiatives.

(3) Serving as a resource for information to answer questions from residents of the Township and others about environmental protection issues and policies.

(b) Established, appointment of members.

(1) There is hereby established a Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission. The commission shall have up to (9) members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Supervisor for staggered terms of three (3) years. The Supervisor may terminate the appointment of any member who has been absent from three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the commission without prior excuse.

(c) Duties and powers.

(1) To actively promote the purpose of the commission.

(2) To serve as a coordinating body for the purpose of educating Township residents, businesses, and guests about environmental issues and policies impacting Township life.

(3) To work with the Township to identify and address conditions, policies, or practices that may enhance or detract from a healthy, sustainable community.

(4) To work with the Township to create conditions, to establish policies and practices, and to develop or adopt programs which will enhance understanding and encourage practices that lead to a healthy, clean, and sustainable community.

(5) To render advice, and to monitor and evaluate Township policies, practices, and procedures which affect the environmental quality and sustainability efforts within the Township.

(6) To assist the Township in its efforts to comply with environmental codes, ordinances, regulations and statutes from local, county, state or federal authorities.

(7) To promote community participation in local environmental sustainability, cleanup, restoration, and public education efforts.

(8) To monitor and promote public awareness of water quality issues in creeks, rivers, and wetlands within the Township.

(9) To monitor and promote public awareness of recycling, waste management, best practices, and similar sustainability efforts within the Township.

(10) To serve as a resource for information about environmental policies and practices. As part of this, the commission may engage in public education projects, hold meetings, and conduct workshops.

(d) Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.

(1) Members of the commission shall be residents of the Township who are eligible for appointive office. All members of the commission shall be voting members of the commission.

(2) The commission shall annually elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary from among its members. An elected officer or employee of the Township selected by the Supervisor may serve as an administrative liaison to the commission as needed.

(3) The commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting and shall hold one (1) regular meeting at least annually. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson, or by a majority of members of the commission upon written notice received by each member at least five (5) days prior to such meeting.

(4) The commission shall make and amend rules and procedures governing its organization (hereafter "bylaws") that are not inconsistent with the Charter, this chapter, this section, or any other Township ordinance. The bylaws adopted by the commission shall not be effective until the bylaws are approved by the Supervisor. Any amendment to the bylaws shall not be effective until the amendment is approved by the Supervisor.

(5) The commission shall keep a record of its proceedings and transactions and shall submit an annual report to the Township Board of Trustees.

(6) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business for regular and/or special meetings. The concurring vote of a majority of a quorum of commission members present at a meeting shall be necessary for the commission to take action.

(7) The commission shall comply with State law, including but not limited to the Michigan Open Meetings Act and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

(8) All members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

SECTION III. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any other provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine not to exceed $100.00.

SECTION IV. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 25th day of June, 2019, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

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Jerry Vorva, Clerk

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Right on track

Caboose arrives at Plymouth museum

The long-awaited arrival of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad caboose at the Plymouth Historical Museum took place last weekend as the huge car was delivered by flat-bed truck.

On hand to welcome the new attraction was Museum Curator Liz Kerstens along with a group of supporters and museum volunteers.

The well-used and out-of-service caboose was donated to the museum which had to pay the cost of the truck freight from the CSX Rougemere Train Yard in Detroit, the installation costs of the unit and the tracks at the rear of the museum, where the attraction will be displayed.

The original plan was to exhibit the caboose in front of the museum building, but city ordinances proved prohibitive forcing museum officials to devise the alternate location in the rear of the building. Museum officials were able to win a zoning variance from the city to have the tracks installed at the rear of the building.

The caboose, which is a rusted working yard unit, needs lots of work, inside and out but Kerstens said she is confident the museum can generate the funding necessary for the restoration and repair. She said one of her first efforts would be the sale of brick pavers.

Plymouth Historical Museum Liz Kerstens welcomes the new Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad caboose to the facility. Photo by Don Howard

When complete, the caboose will be available for observation and tours, appropriately in "a town built on the railroad industry," Kerstens said. She added that she doesn't have an exact timetable for the project, "but we're planning on it," she said.

Canton hires new Municipal Services director

Jade Smith, current city administrator in Milan, is now the Canton Township Municipal Services director.

Jade Smith

"I'm excited," said Smith after the June 25 Township Board of Trustees meeting. "I'm looking forward to working with everybody in every department."

The Municipal Services job, previously filled by Tim Faas, drew 49 applicants. The top three were interviewed by Township Supervisor Pat Williams and Canton Human Resources Manager Kerreen Conley.

Smith will be paid $120,738 a year.

"I'm excited to see you have a strong background in both the public and private sector," commented Canton Township Treasurer Dian Slavens.

Smith has also been deputy mayor and director of Purchasing/Controller for the City of Westland. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Michigan University.

Canton Trustee Sommer Foster praised Smith and asked about roads, "and what we can do to improve life for our residents as far as roads are concerned." She said she is pleased to see road construction starting in Canton, following voter approval of a road millage last year.

"You've got some big shoes to fill," said Trustee John Anthony referring to Faas.

The trustees also received information regarding the proposed Emagine Super Emax expansion plans which include 20 theater screens.

"There's been a tremendous amount of work between the two communities" of Canton and Westland, commented Williams.

The theater expansion needs approval from both Canton and Westland, as the Ford Road property is in both municipalities. Canton Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull explained that the "majority of the expansion is in Westland."

In other action, Canton trustees approved reallocation of grant funds to cover damage to turf during the Liberty Fest.

"Liberty Fest was wildly successful," said Williams, who said he was surprised damage done by carnival ride placement wasn't worse.

Trustees also approved an appeal and reversed Clerk Michael Siegrist's denial of a license for Koolies Ice Cream. The license holder had had traffic incidents dating back several years. His record has been clean for the last five years, officials said.

Trustees debated the applicant's traffic violations and other issues before granting the appeal.

Student

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rants operate. It's a major undertaking, plus he has all the new American culture experiences to deal with," Agostini said.

Kervens, however, seems to welcome every new experience. A recent trip through downtown Detroit area described as "a dangerous neighborhood" didn't faze him. Conditions in Haiti, he said, remain much worse and are far more perilous. His attendance at cooking classes at Chef's Central Kitchen in Haiti, owned by renowned Spanish Chef Jose Andres, would depend on the level of danger in the streets that day,

"If the protests are active, you don't go. When they are quiet enough, I could take the chance and get on the motorbike," he said. He would ride 45 minutes to cooking school sessions when he could. "It is not safe for anyone in the streets," he said. "You cannot enjoy a day without thinking about getting hit or getting shot.

"You get used to it. There is nothing you can do," he said.

Despite the dangers, he made it to classes taught by visiting chefs from New Orleans, China and America, donating their expertise to try and help find careers for some of the youth in Haiti. Kervens is scheduled to return to Haiti July 24 and hopes to resume his classes at the school which Andres began after the earthquake.

"I thought everyone would not be nice to me here," Kervens said. "But the staff is great, everyone is nice and made me part of the kitchen."

He is now working on the salad line and cooking "a little" along with being allowed to sauté "a few things" at the restaurant.

Agostini, Kervens said, has taught him some important lessons.

"If you respect yourself, you have to respect the food you serve. You have to present the meal, no matter what it is, in the nicest, best way possible," Kervens said. "Frank taught me that first."

He loves to experiment with new spice blends and make his own marinades for foods, he said. He does, however, find one thing about American cuisine curious.

"Why does nobody cook goat? I really would love to cook goat with blended spices and garlic," he said. "Why is that weird to people here?"

Kervens hopes to secure a work visa and return to the states to find a job. He said there are no opportunities for jobs in Haiti. "I want to work at a restaurant here, work my way up, like a ladder," Kervens said.

"He could never get the experience or the training in Haiti," Agostini said. "I would love to have him back, he takes to it like a sponge.

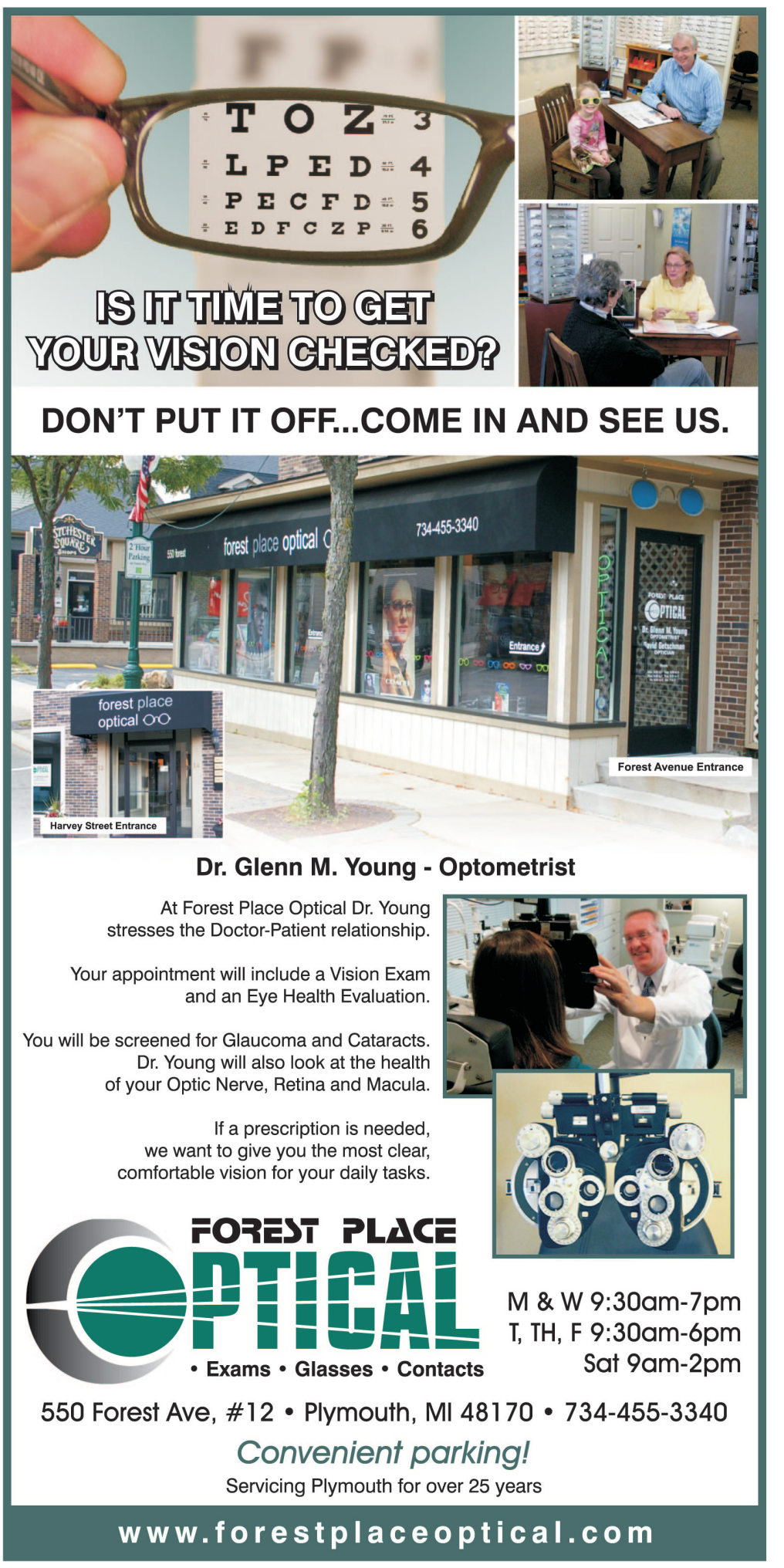
"If he can get the chance to go on and find success, I'll have done my job-giving him an opportunity. We take a lot of pride here in giving back and this is another chance for us to help someone move ahead," Agostini said.

"But, there will be NO goat."

Community Band concert tonight

The Plymouth Community Band will perform at 7:30 tonight, July 4, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Band members will present a medley as part of their longstanding tradition of free summertime concerts in downtown Plymouth.

The Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishill, will also perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27 and July 18 and 25. There is no Community Band concert for July 11 due to Art in the Park.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Calendar of events

Library hosts free movies

The William P. Faust Public Library is hosting a Family Movie Matinee at 1 p.m. and a Friday Night Movie at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow, July 5 at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

The free matinee movie is rated G or PG and will run approximately 90 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. Children younger than 8 must have an adult present. For information, call the Youth Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123 for more information.

The evening movie will be shown in the library meeting rooms A and B and will be PG-13. Snacks/refreshments are provided (donations accepted and appreciated).

Visit the library website at www.westland.lib.mi.us for more information.

Elks host Blues band

Blues at The Elks takes place from 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door and dancing is allowed.

The Kenny Parker Band with legendary Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty, both award winning musicians, will perform July 9. This popular band includes Parker and McCarty on guitar, Mike Marshall on bass, Dan Devins on harmonica and vocals, and Dave Marcaccio on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Northville Garden Walk planned

The Northville Garden Walk, sponsored by The Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association, will take place from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 10.

The tour highlights private gardens to inspire novice and master gardeners alike with a focus on "The benefits of Native Plants in the garden". The tour will be staged in the downtown Northville Square, 150 E. Main St., across from the clock. Visitors can enjoy live music by the Silver Strings Dulcimers and shop for unique gifts from Garden Artisans booths in the Square. Tickets are $12 in advance available beginning June 10 at Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St. or by mail order at http://www.cgcnv.org. Day of event tickets are priced $15.

Cabooses to be topic

Railroad cabooses will be the topic at the 7 p.m. July 11 meeting at the Wayne Historical Society with guest speaker Anthony Rzucidlo, president and CEO of the Michigan Railroad Club. He will provide an overview of the history of cabooses, why they were developed in the 1840s, who rode in them and present-day utilization of cabooses.

The meeting will take place at the museum at 1` Town Square in Wayne at the corner of Main and Biddle.

Library to sell used books

The Romulus Public Library will host a Used Book Sale July 11 through 13 during regular library hours.

Proceeds will be used to support library programs and classes.

The library is open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday; from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and is closed Sundays.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, visit www.romuluslibrary.org.

Museum to host Family Day

The Wayne Historical Society will host the third annual Family Day at the museum from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. July 13. The museum will host live demonstrations, kids crafts and games, Touch-A-Truck, direct sales booths, the old engine club and others during the US12 cruise and the city sidewalk sales on the museum ground, Congregational Church and Methodist Church.

The museum is located at 1 town Square in Wayne at the corner of Main and Biddle.

Basketball camp applications due

Applications for the 22nd Annual Inkster Legends Basketball Camp which will take place Friday, Aug 2 and Saturday Aug. 3 must be submitted by July 15.

The free basketball clinics offer coaching and training in basic skills of the sport including shooting, passing, rebounding and defense, noted Director Fred Smiley.

The camps are designed for boys and girls ages 9 through 16 and are divided into classes by age. Lunch is offered after the early session and a dinner is provided following the second session before students are dismissed.

An awards presentation and the all-star game take place on Saturday.

The classes take place at the Booker Dozier Recreational Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

More information is available from Smiley at (734) 890-2478 or by accessing the website at inksterlegends.com where applications can be found.

Coffee With A Cop served

The Inkster Police Department will host Coffee With A Cop at 6 p.m. July 17 at Gracie See Pastaria, 26734 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers serving area neighborhoods.

Jazz at The Elks planned

Jazz at The Elks takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

New to the Elks will be Jim Cooper on vibraphone with the Jim Cooper Quartet who will perform July 30. Also performing will be returning musicians, Cliff Monear on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass, and Pete Siers on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Goodfellows serving pancakes

The Inkster Goodfellows No Child Without A Christmas effort will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday Oct. 19.

The annual event is a fundraiser for the Christmas campaign of the group which provides holiday gifts to the less fortunate in the community. The breakfast will take place at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

The donation is $10 at the door and is tax-deductible.

For more information, call Goodfellows President Barbara Cooper (313) 505-1140.

Bible Walk is planned

New Birth Baptist Church and Sisters With A Purpose will host a Bible Walk Trip to Ohio on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The $95 fee includes round-trip travel on a luxury motor coach, snacks on the bus and dinner at the Bible Walk. Fees must be paid in full by July 22 and there will be no refunds.

All checks must be made payable to Sisters With a Purpose and mailed to New Birth Baptist Church at the address listed above.

For information, contact President Orlessia Watson at (313) 748-8667 or Vice President Wanda Kirkland (313) 415-8071, Secretary Corrinthia Glenn, (313) 687-7026 or Shirley Walker (313) 544-0354.

Romulus reunion is planned

Old friends will meet for a weekend of conversation and reminiscing when the Romulus High School Class of 1979 meets for the 40th reunion.

Organizers have also invited members of the graduating classes from 1977, 1978, 1980 and 1981 to join them for the three-day event.

The reunion activities will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 6 when class members can meet for hors d'oeuvres and conversation at the Marriott Delta Hotel at 31500 Wick Road. The event will continue until 10 p.m.

Alumni will meet at 5:30 Aug. 17 for dinner and dancing during a cruise on the Detroit Princess. Tickets for the cruise are $68 per person if purchased before July 17 and $73 per person after that date. Tickets can be purchased at www.detroitprincess. com.

The weekend gathering will close with a Family Barbeque set from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 at St. Johns Lodge #44, 31800 Beverly Road in Romulus.

For more information or reservations contact one of the committee members; Michael Johnson, (313) 319-7282; Sarita Stephens, (313) 974-9563; ILanader Johnson, (313) 258-5681; Duane Moffat, (248) 459-3399; John Baum, (734) 255-7055 or Teri Pryor (Rice), (734) 772-4260.

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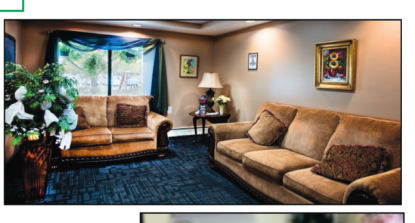

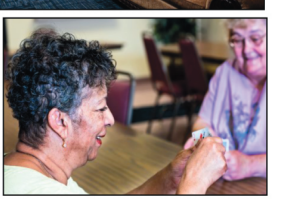

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